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Update for January 04  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004

## **Flight 315 Bulletin...news of our heroes, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association**

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[www.afrc.af.mil/315aw/315.alumni.htm](http://www.afrc.af.mil/315aw/315.alumni.htm)

### **New Rank on the Flightline...Congratulations members!**

Chief Charlie Hall, Jr. — 81 APS

MSgt. Keith Herringshaw — 315 CES



### **1Dec – C-17 Mini Update.**

HERE IS THE CURRENT PICTURE OF "THE SPIRIT OF RECRUITING" AFTER A BATH GETTING SOME SUN ON A GORGEOUS SATURDAY. THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED. WE WILL PRESS ON IN DECEMBER ON WING ROOT AND WING LAYOUT. WE WILL MAKE ALL OF YOU PROUD! THANK YOU!

**Mini Model C-17 Contributions...**We are grateful for the outpouring of interest in the project and really appreciate your gifts/check. Your kindness, show military men and women are more than willing to help there own. Contributors; Col. Luis Vazquez SPTG/CC, SMS Gene Hancock 81 APS, SMS Ray Ardis 31 AES, MS Dannie Bacot 31 AES, Col. Alec Sawyer APS, MS James Stock 31 AES, MS Tom Hughes AW, SMS Evelyn Irwin 317 AS, Col. Linda Zemke AW, MS Vincent Parlatore 707 AS, SMS Bill Burgess 52 APS, MS Tracy Childers 701 AS, Col James Miller, AW/CC, Col. Mary Jane Koch, 31 AES, Col. Andy Savage AW/JAG and Maj. Dennis Clark, 31 AES/315AMDS. **Thank you so much for caring** that the military remains strong and committed through projects of this kind. ***We welcome your gift if you have not made one....Total to date; \$485.00*** The project is on schedule and under the \$20,000.00 estimated cost however, funds are still needed. If you would like to make a contribution...send your check to the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association marked for the Mini C-17. We are grateful to those who have contributed and appreciate your gift now.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ my gift is enclosed. Mail to:  
315 AW Alumni Assoc., 218 N. Bates St., Charleston AFB, SC 29404-4917

24 Nov - Happy Holidays to all! We are so thankful for our family and for our friends...we will be in GEORGIA at Rob's in Adairsville for turkey day. Our cell phones are always accessible. General Bob Stephens: 561-702-7644 Cat: 561-703-7644. Miss Dotty is fine at The Fountains, please make sure she is on your Christmas Card list! Love from the beach, Danielle, Domino, Bob, and Cat Stephens, 315 Airlift Wing Commander

1 Dec - Ray, you may have already seen this but just in case....." It Is The Veteran" a tribute to the veterans. Colonel Mary Jane Koch, 31/315 AES, alumna, Sr Vice President, National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, Herndon VA 20171 703-787-7101

1 Dec - Just got back to Charleston and will be going back to Stuttgart, Germany again 2 Dec but coming home before Xmas for some hand surgery. I should be at the 7 Jan alumni lunch meeting hopefully, as I don't have to go back overseas until mid Feb due to the surgery. Have a great holiday season. MS Becky Risher, 315 AES

1 Dec - MAY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, MY FRIENDS, HAVE A WARM, JOYOUS HOLIDAY! TS RICH, ANN, & STEFFAN NUNN, 31/315 AES

1 Dec - Happy Thanksgiving from down-under, Australia! I feel a bit homesick when no one around me appreciates, understands or celebrates Thanksgiving. We did celebrate it at our place last year but those were the daze of luxury, being in between cruise ship contracts! Now I am, "flat-out", (Aussie for real busy) with work here and don't have the same kind of energy to make a huge meal when turkey is hard to come by here. So, enjoy those turkey leftovers for me, that's my favorite part besides being with family and friends giving thanks. While I have your attention, I'll fill ya'll in on life here, all is going well. The second week after I returned, I responded to an ad for a casual nurse at a theme park, "Dreamworld", and actually got the position. The area is very similar to South Florida, but about 10 years slower, which is fine for me. So it's full on during their peak season, then I will only be needed every third weekend and a day or evening here and there. I have been on a couple of job interviews for general practice and day/night surgery, was offered the positions but knew the hours wouldn't suit me and I would get bored. Had an interview today at the local public hospital for ER (they call it A&E, "Accident & Emergency). Tony has been flat out (busy) with contract work in his cabinet making business. There is continuous home improvement going on. I have a small veggie patch with spices, lettuce and tomatoes that have survived Tony's home improvement work. Hope ya'll have a wonderful Turkey Day! God Bless Major Nancy J. Boland, 31 AES

1 Dec - Thanks for the alumni newsletters. They keep me in touch with the people that made an impact and a difference in my life. Wish I was closer to Charleston so I could attend some of the functions. I may be away from the military and the people but they are not forgotten. Chief Chuck Harmon, 701/707 AS

1 Dec - Your recent newsletter was really good...I know you put a lot of time into that! I also marched in the Vet's Day parade in the 315th Wing formation. It was a chilly that day but it was a great feeling to see the people on the streets cheering us. Major Connie Alge, MSS/SV

2 Dec – 31 AES flight nurse *Colonel (Dr.) Dana Nunn celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*. Last year I breathed a sigh of relief that my reign as president of my chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma ended only to be elected District Director for two years. My other charitable duties include secretary of the local chapter of the American Legion and secretary of the local chapter of the Retired Military Officers. In November, I attended the Psychiatric Mental Health Congress in Orlando. I continue to work, be active in church, my nursing profession and attend most of the cultural activities at the college.

2 Dec - HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YA'LL...MS VICTOR AND KAY TAMARIZ, 707 MAS

5 Dec – Our only son Robert W. Flores will graduate December 20, from Iowa State University with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He has been selected Honor Graduate and chosen to carry the US Flag. He is the first to graduate from college on my side of the family and has accepted a job with Dow Chemical in Michigan. . TS Nap & Lynn Flores, 31 AES - Proud Parents!

7 Dec - Thanks for the good work you do. Happy Holidays. Lt. Col. Alan Price, 707 MAS

12 Dec – Received a department promotion. The best I can describe it as a Crime Suppression Unit. A small unit within the particular district, Pembroke Pines-Florida, I'm assigned to. Wish all the alumni...Happy Holidays. MS Vinny Parlatore, 707 AS

**Welcome Aboard Flight 315!... New Members:**

Captain Ted Restel, 707 AS  
Chief Carole B. Hoffman, 38 APS  
MS Betty L. Matthews, 315 AW/LM  
Major Chalmers A. Cloud, 8<sup>th</sup> MAS

**Mbrs: Lost Contact - Help find them!**

Search the net, old records and quiz friends of their whereabouts. Due to your help some are being rescued by faithful crewmembers. Email us. Thank you.

RayArdis@tri-countyelectric.net

Secretary

**Downed Crews...** Last known address: help locate them, send us new address/email if you know whereabouts.

- Chief Gregory B. Holm, charter member
- MS Kevin Hutchens, charter member
- Colonel Paula S. Carrick-Timm, 31 AES
- Colonel James P. Furlong, 315 AW
- Colonel Douglas Boyd, 315 AW
- TSgt. Cynthia Whitehead, 315 MSS
- Lt. Glenda L. McMichael-Gibson, 315 AES
- SS Lisa (Giacomelli) Zito, 31 AES

-Major Willis L. Jones, 8<sup>th</sup> MAS  
-TS John E. Nickens, 315 MSS/SCR  
-MS Kim Loque

28 Oct - Please take a moment today to write down my new address and add it to your email address book. I don't want to miss any of your messages! Sincerely, TS Wallton D. McMillan, 300 AS/LM

28 Oct - Just wanted to say that I too enjoy the bulletins and appreciate all the hard work that I know goes into the information gathering, publication and dissemination. My schedule keeps me from attending many functions but my heart is still attached to the reserve function. When's the next golfing outing??? Thanks, Dr Marty S. Davis, 315 AW/BTW

29 Oct - Just wanted to tell you what a great News Bulletin you put out! We have completed our first year at Altus as the Maintenance Directorate. We maintain 10 C-17's, 8 C-5's and 24 KC-135's. We are the largest Civil Service maintenance organization in the Air Force. We have over 100 reservists in our 860 person organization. Up to 41 of them were deployed at one time, and 23 are still deployed for the Iraqi effort. My position was recently upgrade to GS-15, so my experience at Charleston as DCM/LG from 1990-1996 stood me in good stead! Lien and I visited Charleston in April and will probably retire there when the time comes. We would love to hear from you folks from time to time. Our best to the 315<sup>th</sup> AW  
Best Regards. Colonel Mike Bradley, 315 LG, Michael.Bradley@altus.af.mil

29 Oct – We really enjoy hearing all the news about people I have known through the years and about those who are following. The article about Captain Ogonowski was particularly thoughtful.

Mary and I are college professors at a small Orangeburg College. We love the academic environment, but teach only part time because of our equal love for travel and the six grandchildren we have together, the reason for our travel. We decided a long time ago to purchase a motor home so we can go where we want. Key West Florida Naval Air Station is a great place for retired military to spend the winter. Sincerely, Colonel Ron Lucas, APS

1 Nov -**The Golden Coral's** menu and website was very nice and of course their gesture to the military members. I wrote to them via their company e-mail thanking them for their community involvement and caring. I'm glad the C-17 project is going well. I miss aviation and wish I was closer to participate in the project. I just put a small donation in the mail last night. Hope it helps some. I'm going back to college. The math is driving me crazy. At least I was off last night and didn't have to work with the Sheriff's Dept. MS Vinny Parlatore, 707 AS, Pembroke, FL

1 Nov - Thanks for the great update. Also, we were sorry to hear about SMS Rizer. Can't believe LTC King will be retiring...Wow!...seems just like yesterday you were out on the flight line with me...breaking me into the C-141A, and Chris was doing Gulf War exit interviews with the media and us. By the way I got my real estate license earlier this month and will be transitioning from my job here from the County in the not too distant future. I'll keep you posted. Thanks again. Major Dennis L. Clark, 31 AES/315 AMDS, Director Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Dept

10 Nov - Amen to this! **Best Bumper Sticker of the Year**; "If you can read this, thank a teacher.... If you are reading it in English, thank a soldier." My 24 year old son is a fully qualified Load Master in the Charlotte ANG unit. Col Frank Malone, 707 AS/Plt

6 Nov - I went last year. It was fantastic! **The GOLDEN CORRAL'S Restaurant MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT** OFFERS FREE THANK YOU MEAL TO NATION'S PATRIOT VETERANS, SS Dawn Williams, 31 AES

9 Dec - To all my friends , I will be entering Georgetown SC Memorial Hospital to have my right knee joint replaced. I should be back home on the 12th. If the good Lord is willing and the creek don't rise, I'll be as good as new in a few weeks. Till then get prepared to have a happy holiday season. Back home and starting my rehab. Thanks for the good thoughts, everything went very well. Colonel Jerry Yarchever, 300/315 AW Commander

### **MEETING NOTICE...** *of the 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association*

**When: Wednesday – 7 January 04...door prizes awarded**

**Where: Charleston Club – AFB – Time: 1100 hrs...lunch free for members.**

**Luncheon Meeting** is sponsored by Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union. Lunch is complement of Heritage Trust for Alumni, Associate and Honorary Commander members. Spouse & guest \$5.50 at sign-in table, please sign in to receive meal ticket. Membership applications are available for those who wish to join the association. The agenda is an update by Heritage Trust personnel, followed by the alumni business session. Plan to attend.



**Come Meet New and Old Friends!**  
**Information you can use...for military/Active & Retired**

**Alumni Sponsor...7 January 04**

**To all Active and Retired Air Force Personnel and your Families (SEG # 257)**

You and your family members are eligible to join Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union!

10 Dec - Let me send along the Reserve Enlisted Association (REA) application and organization information for all those interested in joining. I currently sit on the REA Board of Directors here in Washington DC. I am truly excited about being a part this organization and representing the Reserve Enlisted members who proudly serve our country. I feel this organization will represent us well now, and in the future. I would like to wish you all at the 315th a Happy Holiday.

John M Balducci, Chief For info & App contact [John.Balducci@afrc.af.mil](mailto:John.Balducci@afrc.af.mil)

24 Nov-Some information for all: Civil Svc, Reserves LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE MADE AVAILABLE TO EXTENDED FEDERAL FAMILY. Provisions in the Fiscal Year 2004 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 1588) signed into law by President Bush will make deferred federal annuitants, gray area military reservists and District of Columbia employees and retirees participating in the federal Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) eligible to apply for federal long-term care insurance. The common thread that binds these three new groups together is eligible to receive federal retirement compensation for their service to our country. The law ensures everyone in the federal family will have access to the federal long-term care insurance program (FLTCIP). Federal employees separating from their jobs before they are eligible to retire with an immediate annuity earn a "deferred annuity" when they reach age 62 if they have vested in the retirement system and have left their contributions in the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. Prior to the enactment of H.R. 1588, deferred annuitants could not participate in the FLTCIP until they began receiving their federal retirement annuity. Similarly, military reservists (including National Guard service members who have completed the requisite 20 or more years service are fully qualified for military retirement benefits, which commence at age 60 upon receipt of their retired pay. Should these "gray area" reservists die prior to age 60, provisions are already in place for their surviving spouses to receive military health care for life and survivor annuities. This new law recognizes that 'gray area' reservists and deferred annuitants should not have to wait to participate in the long-term care insurance program until they reach retirement age. Now you can buy this insurance earlier in life when the premiums are less expensive and they can qualify for coverage when they are less likely to have health problems. The FLTCIP provisions in H.R. 1588 will not result in any new taxpayer costs since enrollees pay 100 percent of premiums. If you have not yet joined your state online service to receive important local e-mail messages, please contact your chapter president or your state NARFE-net coordinator. They will be happy to assist with your enrollment. Web site; [www.narfe.org](http://www.narfe.org) If you cannot access the web site, e-mail us at [memsrvcs@narfe.org](mailto:memsrvcs@narfe.org), or call (703) 838-7760.

## **2004 For the Golfers...Retired Military Golf Classic on tap**

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Retired Military Golf Classic will be held in Myrtle Beach, S.C., June 1-5, 2004. The classic, the largest retired military golf event in the world, will be played on five different courses at Myrtle Beach Nation and Wildwing Golf Clubs. Only 864 men and 132 women will be accepted for this event, competing for more than \$125,000 in cash and prizes.

Applications will be mailed in December 2003 to those on the mailing list. Applications are also available at most military golf courses in the United States. Priority will be given to those who have recently played in the classic. After Feb. 1, 2004, acceptance will be on a first come first served basis. A waiting list will be established once the classic is full. For applications, call 1 (800) 255-4763 or 1 (866) 469-7853 or write to the National Retired Military Golf Classic, PO Box 3608, Myrtle Beach, SC 29578.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to **be useful**, to **be honorable**, to **be compassionate**, to have it **make some difference** that you have lived and lived well." - Ralph Waldo Emerson – sent by Major Phil Barber, 707 AS

***The alumni extend Holiday Greetings and...Wish You...A Merry Christmas!***

***Pray for our Troops***

Father in heaven, hear our prayer,  
For our troops in service both far and near  
Grant them peace of mind, to their families and friends  
Just let them know our love never ends  
Sustain them through the doubts and fears.  
Comfort the lonely, dry their tears.  
Please bring them home, unharmed and free  
To America, land of liberty!